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In re Application of:
Tan Thok Lin, et al.
Application No. 09/852,837
Filed: May 10, 2001
For: **AUDIO ACCESSORY SWITCHING
CIRCUIT**

DECISION
ON PETITION

This is a response to the petition, filed July 8, 2005, which is treated as a Petition to Withdraw Notice of Abandonment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181. No fee is required.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the non-final Office action mailed September 29, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period of three (3) months to reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 17, 2005.

Petitioner alleges to have timely filed a response to the Office action. To support this position, Petitioner has included with the instant petition a copy of a response bearing a proper certificate of transmission having a date of November 23, 2004.

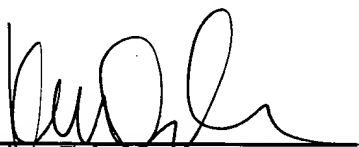
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Given that petitioner is the one who apparently signed the certificate of mailing and petitioner states that they submitted a response on November 23, 2004, then petitioner has met the requirements above.

The petition is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The application will be forwarded to the Technology Center's technical support staff for entry of the response submitted with the petition. From there, the file will be forwarded to the examiner for consideration in due course.


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